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SESSION I.

TORONTO, KNOX'S CHURCH,
Wednesday, 20th June, 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and heard a sermon from the Rev. Donald McKenzie, Moderator, from 2 Corinthians v. 20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ."

The Synod was constituted for business with prayer, by the Moderator.

Presbytery Rolls were given in, and the Synod Roll was made up and read, and the Members present answered to their names.

[*The names of those who were present at this or any of the subsequent Sessions are marked with an asterisk.*]

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Daniel Eastman,	———	*Grimsby.*
*Andrew Ferrier, D.D.	———	*Caledonia.*
*Ralph Robb,	*Donald McLellan,	*Hamilton.*
*George Cheyne,	George Young,	*Saltfleet, &c.*
*Robert Lindsay,	———	*Ayr.*
*Mark Y. Stark,	William Miller,	*Dundas, &c.*
*John Bayne,	*George Davidson,	*Galt.*
*George Smellie,	*A. D. Ferrier,	*Fergus.*
*William Meldrum,	*Gilles McBain,	*Puslinch.*
*Alexander McLean,	*Gilbert Bastedo,	*Wellington Square.*
*John McKinnon,	———	*Sydenham.*
*J. G. Macgregor,	*Alexander Whyte,	*Guelph.*
———	———	*Niagara, &c.*
———	———	*Woolwich, &c.*
———	———	*Walpole, &c.*
———	———	*Flamboro' West,*
———	———	*Thorold, &c.*
———	———	*Dunville, &c.*
———	———	*Port Dover.*
———	———	*Simcoe.*
———	———	*Victoria.*
———	———	*Jarvis.*
———	———	*Bentinck.*
———	———	*Glenelg.*
———	———	*Arthur.*

M. Y. STARK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Robert Burns, D.D.	———	*Toronto Knox's Church.*
*Duncan McMillan,	*John Crichton,	*Caledon and Erin.*
* Thomas Wightman,	*Alex. Gibb,	*York Mills and Scarboro'.*
*Peter Gray,	*James Frazer,	*Norval and Esquesing.*
* James Boyd,	———	*Markham.*
———	*William Lesslie,	*Streetsville.*
———	John Bell,	*Acton and Nassagaweya.*
———	S. Irvin,	*Vaughan and King.*
———	———	*West Gwillimbury.*
———	John Gunn,	*Thorah and Eldon.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO (CONTINUED.)

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
———	* William Heron,	*Brock, Reach, &c.*
———	———	*Mono and Essa.*
———	———	*Chinguacousy & E. Toronto.*
———	———	*Humber and Weston.*
———	———	*Oakville and Trafalgar.*

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

*Michael Willis, D. D., Prof. of Theol., Knox's College, *James Harris,
*Henry Esson, Prof. of Mor. Phil., "
*William Rintoul, Int. Prof. of Hebrew, "
*Alex. Gale, Prof. Class. Lit., " and Prin. of Toronto Academy.
*Willliam Lyall, Act. Prof. of Men. Train., &c. "

PETER GRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
James Douglass,	Alex. Anderson,	*Cavan, (South)*
*John M. Roger,	James Hall,	*Peterboro and Cavan.*
*James Cullen, F. C. Dep'y	Andrew Jeffrey,	*Cobourg.*
———	*Donald McRae,	*Grafton and Colborne.*
———	———	*Otonabee.*
———	John McLaughlin,	*Darlington.*
———	*Robert Harstone.	*Baltimore.*

JOHN M. ROGER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
James Rogers,	Samuel Smyth,	*Demorestville.*
*Henry Gordon,	Hon. J. McDonald,	*Gananoque.*
*William Reid,	*Samuel Anderson,	*Picton.*
*Robert Reid,	*James Gibson,	*Kingston.*
*William Gregg,	*George Robertson,	*Belleville.*
*Robert F. Burns.	*James Stewart,	*Kingston.*

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
William Smart,	———	———
*Robert Boyd,	*John Emberson,	*Prescott.*
James Geggie,	John Millar,	*Spencerville.*
*John McMurray.	Alexander Inglis,	*S. Gower.*
*William John Macdowell,	———	*Brockville.*
———	———	*Bellamyille.*
———	———	*Burritt's Rapids.*
———	———	*Merrickville.*
———	———	*Yonge.*
———	———	*North Gower.*

JAMES GEGGIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
James Finlay,	Wm. Cuthbertson,	*Dalhousie.*
*William Lochead,	Robert Grant,	*Osgoode and Gloucester.*
William G. Johnstone,	Andrew Tossach,	*Ramsay.*
*Simon C. Fraser,	Donald Robertson,	*McNab & Horton.*
Thomas Wardrope,	John Durie;	*Bytown.*
*Andrew Melville,	William King,	*Bristol.*
John Corbett,	William Gibson,	*Wakefield.*
*James B. Duncan,	Thomas Nicol,	*Perth.*
———	*Neil Stewart,	*Beckwith.*
———	———	*Pembroke.*
———	Robert Kennedy,	*Goulbourne.*

THOMAS WARDROPE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
David Black,	John Hettrick,	*St. Therese.*
Thomas Henry,	———	*Lachute.*
*Daniel Clark,	———	*Indian Lands.*
*William Leishman,	David Wylie,	*St. Gabriel St. Montreal.*
*James Lewis, F. C. Dep'y	*John Redpath,	*Cote Street, Montreal.*
———	———	*St. John's, Quebec.*
———	———	*Melbourne.*
*James Fettes, ord. miss'ry	———	*North Georgetown.*
———	———	*English River.*
———	———	*Portneuf.*
———	———	*Cornwall and Martintown.*
———	———	*Vankleek Hill.*
———	———	*Lochiel.*
———	———	*St. Eustache & Grande Freniere.*
———	———	*Beachridge.*
———	———	*Henryville.*

WILLIAM LEISHMAN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
William Macalister,	———	*Port Sarnia.*
*Donald McKenzie,	———	*Zorra.*
Daniel Allan,	———	*North Easthope.*
William Graham,	———	*Tuckersmith.*
Robert Peden,	———	*Amherstburgh.*
*William R. Sutherland,	*James Allan,	*Ekfrid.*
*Angus McColl,	———	*Chatham.*
*Robert Wallace,	———	*Ingersoll.*
Lachlan McPherson,	———	*Williams.*
*William S. Ball.	*David White,	*Woodstock.*
———	———	*London.*
———	———	*Aldboro.*
———	———	*Fingal.*
———	———	*St. Thomas.*
———	———	*Howard.*
———	———	*St. Andrews.*
———	———	*Stratford.*

A. MCCOLL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

On motion made and seconded, Dr. Willis was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for Bills and Overtures, viz:—the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Robb, Mr. Bayne, Dr. Burns, Mr. Roger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Leishman, Mr. S. C. Fraser, Ministers; Mr. McLellan, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Gibson, Elders; with instructions to them to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, a. m., and by adjournment as they shall see fit: and it was ordered, that all overtures, references, and appeals, should be lodged with the Clerk, for being submitted to said committee without delay.

It was agreed that Presbyteries be authorised to meet in Toronto during the present sessions of Synod for any competent business.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for revising the Records of Synod and Commission, viz: Mr. Reid, Mr. Stark, Mr. Robb, Ministers; Mr. White, Mr. McLellan, Elders.

Dr. Burns, in behalf of the Committee for arranging business at the opening of Synod, read a report—the same was sustained and approved generally—and it was agreed

That the same be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and that the Committee be reappointed, with the view of arranging for the services of the ensuing Sabbath, both in the City of Toronto and adjacent Congregations and Stations.

On motion made and seconded, thanks were tendered by the Synod, through the Moderator, to Mr. McKenzie, for his appropriate and edifying Sermon.

The Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the Records of Presbyteries, with instructions to report on the Session of Monday forenoon, as follows:—

On the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton,—Mr. P. Gray, Mr. Leishman, Ministers; Mr. James Gibson, Elder.

On those of Toronto,—Mr. Macgregor, Mr. McColl, Ministers; Mr. A. D. Ferrier, Elder.

On those of Cobourg, Mr. Lochead, Mr. R. F. Burns, Ministers; Mr. Alex. Gibb, Elder.

On those of Kingston, Mr. Stark, Mr. Fraser, Ministers; Mr. Wm. Lesslie, Elder.

On those of Brockville, Mr. Wightman, Mr. McKinnon, Ministers, Mr. McRae, Elder.

On those of Perth, Mr. Gregg, Mr. J. Boyd, Ministers; Mr. James Stewart, Elder.

On those of Montreal, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Sutherland, Ministers; Mr. Bastedo, Elder.

On those of London, Mr. Smellie, Mr. McMurray, Ministers; Mr. McLellan, Elder,

It was agreed that the following members be a Committee on the Synod and other Funds and Accounts of the Church, viz: Mr. John Burns, Convener, Mr. Stark, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Jeffrey, and Mr. Davidson.

It was agreed that the Synod meet to-morrow for devotional exercises, at 10, A. M., to be constituted for business at 11.

The Synod was closed with prayer at half-past 10, P. M.

SESSION II.

TORONTO,
Thursday, 21st June, 1849, 10 *o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod met, and engaged in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator and Mr. Reid.

At 11 o'clock, the Synod was constituted for business.

The Minutes of the former session were read.

The Roll was called, and the names of members who had arrived since last meeting were marked.

The Commissions of the Rev. James Lewis and the Rev. James Cullen, as Deputies to this Church, from the Free Church of Scotland, were read, and these brethren being present, were cordially welcomed by the Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was received and sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Committee. The same was read by Mr. Gale, Secretary to the Committee. Various relative papers and documents were at the same time laid on the table of the Synod. The Report was sustained.

Dr. Burns, in behalf of the Committee on the Bill for the amendment of the Charter of King's College, made a verbal report. The Report was sustained.

Dr. Burns, in behalf of the Committee on arrangements for Sabbath, reported, and the Synod received and adopted the same.

The Synod agreed to take up the Report of the College Committee in the afternoon.

The Synod was closed with prayer.

SESSION III.

TORONTO,
Thursday, 21st June, 1849, 3 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read.

The Synod agreed to take up an overture from the Presbytery of Brockville, respecting Mr. McIlfatrick, student. The overture was read; and Mr. Boyd and Mr. McMurray, were heard in support of the same; and several certificates in behalf of Mr. McIlfatrick, were read.

The deliverance of Synod, at its session, last year, respecting Mr. McIlfatrick, was also read. After deliberation, the Synod unanimously adopted the following deliverance:—

The Synod being satisfied with the attestations given in favour of Mr. McIlfatrick, both prior to his coming to this country, and since his arrival in it, agreed to dispense with a Presbyterial Certificate in his behalf, leaving him to follow out his studies in accordance with the directions given respecting him by the Synod last year.

The Synod proceeded to take up the Report of the College Committee, and had lengthened discussion regarding the College.

It was then moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McMurray,

That seeing that essential changes have been made in King's College by the Legislative Act lately passed, and with the intention of putting the benefits of this

literary endowment within the reach of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, the Synod resolve to petition for such changes in the internal management of King's College as shall supersede the necessity of a separate literary establishment for our Students, and with this view shall name a small Committee to hold intercourse with the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed to digest a plan for the adaptation of the studies of that Institution to the present state of this Province and the necessities of Evangelical Churches; resolving at the same time to give every countenance to the Toronto Academy as an elementary Institution, and to maintain in vigorous operation our own Institution in its purely theological character.

It was moved by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Roger,

That a Committee be appointed to consider what alterations in the internal management of King's College would be sufficient to warrant the Synod in reducing Knox's College to a purely Theological Institution, to prepare a petition to the Commissioners empowered to make such alterations; embodying the conclusions to which they may come, and to report to the Synod at a subsequent Session.

After lengthened discussion, the vote was taken, when there voted for Dr. Burns's motion, five; for Mr. Bayne's motion, twenty eight; three members declined voting.

Mr. Bayne's motion was accordingly declared to be the deliverance of the Synod.

At a quarter past 7, P.M., the Synod was closed with the blessing, to meet at half-past 8, this evening.

SESSION IV.

TORONTO,
Thursday, 21st June, 1849, 8½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read.

The Synod, in conformity with the recommendation of the Committee of Bills and Overtures agreed to take up an overture from the Presbytery of London, in reference to the ruling eldership, and the revival of religion.

The overture was read.

Mr. Sutherland was heard in behalf of the overture. Various members addressed the Synod on the subject.

On motion made by Mr. Reid, and seconded by Mr. Gale,

The following resolution was adopted:—

That Dr. Burns (convener), Mr. Roger, Mr. Lewis, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Gordon, ministers; Mr. Stewart, Mr. Samuel Anderson, Mr. Redpath, and Mr. McLellan, elders, be a committee to consider the overture in connection with the resolutions adopted by the Synod, last year, on the subject of the revival of religion, and to report to the Synod before the close of the present meeting.

The Synod agreed to resume the consideration of the Report of the College Committee, to-morrow forenoon.

It was agreed that the Committee of Bills and Overtures should meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A.M.; and that the Synod should meet

for devotional exercises, at 10 o'clock, to proceed thereafter to business.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION V.

TORONTO,
Friday, 22nd June, 1849, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and engaged in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator and Mr. Macgregor.

The Synod thereafter was constituted for business.

Mr. Gale introduced the Rev. Andrew Thomas Holmes, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, designated as a Missionary to this Province. The Synod agreed to welcome Mr. Holmes as a laborer in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and he was invited by the Moderator to sit with the Synod during its present Sessions.

The Synod took up a petition from Donald McIntyre, of Mosa, against Mr. Sutherland, Minister of Eckfrid and Mosa.

It was agreed, in conformity with the recommendation of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, to refer the petition to the following Committee:—

Mr. Meldrum, (Convener.) Mr. Boyd, Mr. Robb, Mr. Fraser, Mr. McMillan, Ministers; and Mr. McLellan, Elder, with instructions to them to advise in the matter.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the Report of the College Committee, and had lengthened discussion and conference on the subject.

It was afterwards moved by Mr. Bayne, and seconded by Mr. Robb, and unanimously agreed to:

That the members of the Professors' Court be requested to prepare such regulations applicable to the admission and examination of the Students of Knox's College, as their experience would lead them to recommend for the adoption of the Synod, and to report as early as possible during the sitting of the Synod.

It was agreed to resume the subject of the College Report in the afternoon.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION VI.

TORONTO,
Friday, 22nd June, 1849, 3 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

In conformity with the recommendation of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Perth, for advice respecting their procedure in the case of Mr. James Y. Cameron, missionary from the Free Church of Scot-

land, now labouring within their bounds, who had declined the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, when called to account for his conduct.

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Duncan, ministers, appeared in behalf of the Presbytery, and gave a full account of the case, reading extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery, and other relative documents.

They also stated that Mr. Cameron had been apprised that the Presbytery were to refer the case to the Synod.

The Clerk of Synod stated that he had received a note from Mr. Cameron, now in Toronto, intimating that he was not to appear in the Synod, and enclosing a letter to the Synod, to be read in the event of his case being taken up.

This letter was read, setting forth in substance that the writer declines the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Perth, on the ground of his being a Missionary from the Free Church of Scotland, and that he can acknowledge the jurisdiction of any Presbytery in this Province only in the event of its being declared by this Synod and by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church by whom he was sent out, that he is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this Church.

After deliberation the following resolution was adopted:—

The Synod sustain the reference from the Presbytery of Perth, approve of their conduct in asserting the unquestionable jurisdiction of the courts of this Church over Missionaries designated to it by other Churches, and duly received; enjoin Mr. Cameron to submit himself forthwith to the authority of the Presbytery of Perth, and instruct said Presbytery to proceed in the case according to the laws of the Church:—The Clerk to furnish the Presbytery of Perth and Mr. Cameron respectively with extracts of this deliverance.

The Synod had read a petition from Messrs. John McDonald, John McEwen, Neil Stewart, Elders, and Alexander Stewart, Chairman, "for themselves and the other members of the Free Church of Beckwith," complaining of the conduct of the Presbytery of Perth, and craving the Synod to send a Committee for inquiring into the present alleged unhappy state of the Congregation, and giving advice in their present circumstances.

There was also read a commission from the petitioners in favour of Mr. Neil Stewart and Mr. Duncan, empowering them to represent the petitioners in the Synod.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Duncan appeared in behalf of the petitioners. The members of the Presbytery stated, that though they had not been regularly informed of this complaint, they were not disposed to offer any opposition to its being entertained by the Synod.

The Synod agreed to proceed with the case.

Mr. James Duncan and Mr. Stewart were heard in behalf of the Petitioners.

Mr. Lochead was heard at length in behalf of the Presbytery.

The Synod, after deliberation, agreed, at this stage of the case, without hearing other members of the Presbytery, or pronouncing a judgment in the case, to appoint a Committee to meet parties, in order to promote an adjustment of the questions between them.

The Committee to be the Moderator, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gordon, Ministers; Mr. Davidson, Mr. Ferrier, Elders.

It was agreed to defer the consideration of the College Report until the evening session.

The Synod was closed with the blessing, to meet in the evening at half-past 8 o'clock.

SESSION VII.

TORONTO,
Friday, 22nd June, 1849, 8½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod was constituted with praise and prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that the name of the Rev. William Lyall, acting Professor of English and Classical Literature, and General Mental Training, in Knox's College, shall be added to the roll of the Presbytery of Toronto; and that he be recognized as a member of this court.

It was agreed to take up an appeal from a deliverance of the Presbytery of London, respecting the formation of a new congregation in the town of Woodstock, at the morning session of to-morrow.

The Moderator, in behalf of the committee on the petition and complaint from Beckwith, against the Presbytery of Perth, reported,

That having had full conversation with members of the Presbytery of Perth and the Commissioners from the petitioners in Beckwith, they found it an easy matter to adjust the difference between the parties—that difference having originated mainly in misunderstanding; and that both parties had signified their resolution to meet each other's views in amity and mutual confidence.

The Report was sustained and cordially approved of.

The Synod had lengthened conference and discussion on various points of the Report of the College Committee.

Mr. Burns made an *interim* Report on the Funds of the College Committee. The Synod resolved,

That a full report on this subject, setting forth all the receipts, expenditure, and responsibilities, of the Committee, shall be presented on Tuesday.

After farther discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Smellie, and agreed to:—

That the College Committee be instructed to make such arrangements as they may deem desirable and find practicable, for providing a Boarding-house suitably superintended, for the benefit of the Students attending Knox's College, who may wish to avail themselves of such an establishment.

At 11 o'clock, the Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION VIII.

TORONTO,
Saturday, 23rd June, 1849, 9 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and engaged in devotional exercises: these were

conducted by the Moderator and Mr. Robb; and was thereafter constituted for business.

The minutes of the session of yesterday evening were read.

The Rev. Angus Mackintosh, late of Thorold, now missionary, being present, was invited to sit with the Synod during its present Sessions.

The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg, for advice and relief, under the weakened state of the Presbytery, in consequence of the recent removal of several Ministers from it, with a view of obviating the evils arising out of that state of the Presbytery. After reasoning, the following deliverance was adopted:—

The Synod, without coming to any final deliverance in the matter, and cherishing the confident hope, that some of the vacant changes in the Presbytery of Cobourg will be filled up during the ensuing year, agree that, in the meantime, the Minister of Belleville, and the Minister of Picton, and Mr. Rintoul, of Knox's College, be appointed as Assessors to that Presbytery until next meeting of Synod. Farther, that in order that this provision may be rendered as effectual as possible, the Presbyteries of Kingston and Toronto are enjoined to give all facilities in their power for carrying out the foregoing arrangement, and are empowered to delegate any other of their number to act as Assessors, when on any occasion the Ministers herein specially named, may find it impracticable to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

The Synod proceeded to take up an appeal on the part of Wm. S. Ball, Minister, and David White, Elder, against a deliverance of the Presbytery of London, respecting the formation of a New Congregation in the Town of Woodstock. It was stated, in behalf of the parties in this case, that no extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery had been obtained, on account of the illness of the Clerk. The Synod agreed in the circumstances to admit the original record of the Presbytery, when there were read: the Minutes of the Meeting of Presbytery on the 11th June, containing the decision protested against; also a copy of the reasons of protest and appeal of William S. Ball, Minister, and David White, Elder, bearing that said reasons had been duly lodged with the Clerk of Presbytery.

Parties having been called, there appeared at the bar, as appellants, William S. Ball, and David White, for the Presbytery, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Sutherland, Ministers; and for the Congregation in Woodstock, Mr. Angus Campbell and Mr. Donald McPherson.

The several parties were heard and removed, when, after reasoning, the following deliverance was adopted:—

The Synod sustain the decision of the Presbytery of London, in so far as it authorizes the organization of a Gaelic Congregation in the township of Blandford; but, inasmuch as the Gaelic population in that quarter is already very numerous, and rapidly increasing—and as there does not *in hoc statu* exist sufficient data for determining the most suitable locality for a place of worship for such congregation, remit to the Presbytery to consider the whole matter of such organization, with reference to the accommodation of the whole body of the permanent Gaelic population in the said township, and the adjoining localities—to proceed with all caution and deliberation to any decision in the matter, and not to sanction any site for a Gaelic Church, without consulting the Synod again, unless they be in the meantime required so to do by the prospect of an early settlement of a Gaelic minister, in which case, the Presbytery is instructed to refer the matter to the Commission of Synod, whose decision shall be final.

This deliverance was read to the parties.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed,

That Mr Robb, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, be requested to meet with the Missionaries and Catechists of the Church now in Toronto, for conference and counsel, before they return to their several stations.

The Synod named the following members to be the Committee appointed in the deliverance given on the subject of King's College on Thursday afternoon, viz: the Moderator, Mr. Gale, (convener), Dr. Burns, Mr. Esson, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Robb, Ministers; Mr. Davidson and Mr. Ferrier, Elders.

The Synod, considering that several brethren were about to leave town to preach in the neighborhood to-morrow, agreed not to meet for business this afternoon, but to meet in the evening, at 7 o'clock, for conference, and prayer for the revival of religion.

At 1 o'clock, P.M., the Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION IX.

TORONTO,
Saturday, 23rd June, 1849, 8 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met for devotional exercises, and was constituted with praise and prayer.

A portion of the scriptures was read, when several members addressed the Synod and the congregation assembled, on the importance of promoting the revival of religion throughout the Church, and the means of doing so.

Praise and prayer were again engaged in.

It was agreed that the Committee of Bills and Overtures should meet on Monday, at 10, and the Synod at 11 A.M.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION X.

TORONTO,
Monday, 25th June, 1849, 11 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and engaged in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. McMurray.

The Minutes of the Session of Saturday evening were read.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was sustained.

Certain communications were transmitted by the Committee, from Mr. J. Y. Cameron,—the Synod having been informed of the tenor of these, declined to receive them on the ground, that the Synod have

already pronounced judgment on the subject to which such communications refer, and have authorised the Presbytery of Perth to deal with Mr. Cameron's case.

The Synod farther agreed to instruct said Presbytery to meet in Toronto, during the present Sessions, and to cite Mr. Cameron to appear before them. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Robb, Ministers; and Mr. McLellan and Mr. Heron, Elders, were appointed to act as assessors with the Presbytery in this case.

It was agreed, that the Committee on Congregational Statistics, for 1848, be authorised to receive and arrange those for the present year. The Committee, with an addition of new members, to be constituted thus:—Mr. Gray, (Convener,) Mr. Cheyne, Mr. McMillan, Ministers; Mr. Crichton and Mr. Ferrier, Elders; and it was ordered, that all such returns be handed to the Convener of the Committee, without delay, that a report may be prepared, and presented at a subsequent Session.

The Synod agreed to defer calling for the reports of Committees on records, until the afternoon Session.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XI.

TORONTO,

Monday, 25th June, 1849, 3 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Minutes of the morning Session were read.

Reports on the Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, Brockville, Montreal, and London, were severally read.

The Reports were sustained; and it was agreed that the Records should be attested in conformity with the Reports concerning them severally.

It was reported, that the Clerk of the Presbytery of Perth had not appeared in the Synod, and that the Record of the Presbytery had not been received.

Mr. Gregg, in behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, reported the steps that had been taken by that Presbytery, in reference to the Rev. Joseph Harris, Congregational minister, an applicant for admission into this church, in accordance with the deliverance of this Synod, at the 13th Session, in 1848. The Report set forth that the Presbytery had obtained satisfactory evidence in regard to the good character and standing of Mr. Harris in the Congregational church, and that they were well satisfied with the results of renewed conference and intercourse with him. The Synod, in view of the whole case, agreed that the Presbytery of Kingston be authorised to admit Mr. Harris, aforesaid, as a minister of this church, on his subscribing the formula for ministers, adopted at the 10th Session of the Synod, held at Cobourg, in 1845.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed in respect to the length of time that Mr. Harris has been recognized and employed as a missionary within the bounds of the Kingston Presbytery, that after he shall have been duly admitted as a minister of this Church, it shall be competent for him to receive a call within twelve months, notwithstanding the regulation of Synod requiring ministers received into the Church, to act as missionaries for twelve months.

A petition from the Presbytery of Hamilton, craving permission for the Presbytery to receive Mr. John Scott, student from Knox's College, on trials for license. It was stated in behalf of the Presbytery, that they had not yet been able to subject Mr. Scott to the usual preliminary trials on account his having been removed from their bounds by the Home Mission Committee, but that they would not fail to attend to these. The Synod in respect to the peculiarity of the circumstances stated by the Presbytery, and the general acquaintance of members of Synod with Mr. Scott, agreed to allow the Presbytery to take him on trials for license.

The Presbytery of Toronto applied for liberty to take Messrs. John Ross, Andrew Hudson, and James Nisbet, students, who have finished their course at Knox's College, on trials for license. It was stated that the Presbytery had subjected the two former students to private trials, and were satisfied with the results; that Mr. Nisbet was now absent in Scotland; but was expected to return very soon. The Synod agreed that these three students shall also be admitted to trials for license.

Mr. Gregg, in behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, applied for leave to the Presbytery to take Mr. Thomas Dickson, a student from Knox's College, on probationary trials. It was stated that Mr. Dickson had been certified to the Presbytery, as having finished his collegiate course in Knox's College. Leave was granted.

Mr. Leishman applied for leave, to the Presbytery of Montreal, to take Mr. Robert Swinton, Student from Knox's College, on probationary trials. It was stated, that Mr. Swinton had finished his course at Knox's College—that he we was well known to the Presbytery as a diligent Student and faithful Catechist, and that he had not yet been subjected to the usual preliminary trials only, because of the difficulty that was found in holding a meeting of Presbytery, on account of the present paucity of its members, and the distance of the field of Mr. Swinton's labours, as a Catechist, from Montreal. It was agreed that the Presbytery of Montreal should have the leave sought.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that inasmuch as that the six students whom the Synod has authorised to be licensed, have all for a considerble period been labouring as missionaries and catechists, they may be allowed to be settled in pastoral charges, if duly called thereto, even within the space of a year, from the time of their being licensed.

Mr. Gale, in behalf of the Professors Court of Knox's College, re-

ported, that there were four students, viz, Mr. Robert Ure, Mr. Thomas Henning, Mr. William Troup, Mr. John Gray, concerning whom it was thought desirable that they should be admitted to probationary trials, immediately on the close of the next College Session. The Synod having had satisfactory reports of the good character and maturity of the attainments of these students, agreed that any Presbytery of the Church be allowed to take them on the usual private and public probationary trials, immediately after they have attended another session at College.

The Synod agreed that the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held on the first Wednesday of June, 1850; and there being a difference of opinion as to the place, the roll was called, when there voted for Toronto, 21; for Kingston, 20. It was therefore resolved, that the meeting be held in Toronto, and within Knox's Church there, on the day aforesaid, and at the hour of 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XII.

TORONTO,
Monday, 25th June, 1849, 8 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read.

The Report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod and Commission, and Book of Dissents was read, and sustained; and the Synod ordered these to be severally attested.

Mr. Robb, convener of the Home Mission Committee, read the report for the last year. This report did not embrace any account of missionary operations in the Presbyteries of Montreal, London, Perth, and Brockville, as these Presbyteries had not reported to the Home Mission Committee.

Supplementary reports were given in and read by Mr. Roger, in behalf of the Presbytery of Cobourg; by Mr. Leishman, in behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal; by Mr. McKenzie, in behalf of the Presbytery of London; by Mr. Melville, in behalf of the Presbytery of Perth; and by Mr. McMurray, in behalf of the Presbytery of Brockville.

Mr. John Black, missionary to the French Canadians, from Knox's College Missionary Society, being present, was called in to address the Synod, and gave an account of the mission in Lower Canada, with which he is connected.

Mr. Holmes, missionary from Ireland, gave an account of the missionary operations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, both at home and abroad.

Mr. Angus Mackintosh gave a short account of his missionary travels in Canada East, and read certain suggestions on the best mode of carrying on Home missionary operations throughout the land.

A motion was made by Mr. Gale, and seconded by Mr. Macgregor, which, after discussion, was adopted as the deliverance of the Synod, and is as follows:—

Sustain the Report—approve of the diligence of the Committee, and tendering the thanks of the Synod to the convener and members—would humbly and thankfully acknowledge the goodness of the Great Head of the Church, in the measure of success which has attended their Home Missionary operations—appoint a Committee to superintend the Home Missions of the Synod for the ensuing year—continue the powers of the Committee as during last year—instruct them to use their best exertions to obtain a more adequate supply of effective missionaries, and to secure more regular and liberal contributions to the Presbyterial funds, and to the central synodical fund—approve specially of the efforts of the Committee, in regard to the appointment of an agent or superintendent of Home Missions, and authorise and enjoin them to continue their efforts until they procure one or more ministers of experience in that capacity, as they may find themselves justified by the state of the Synodical Home Mission Fund. The Synod would also earnestly urge it on Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations, to sustain the Committee to the utmost of their power in carrying on this great work, in the success of which the prosperity of the church, and the glory of Christ are so deeply involved.

The Synod farther instruct the Home Mission Committee to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland—tendering to them the thanks of the Synod for the valuable services they have rendered to the home missionary operations of this Church, by the missionaries whom they have sent out and sustained amongst us, and transmit to them a copy of the report on Home Missions, with relative documents.

The Synod farther commend to the Committee the early consideration of the case of Mr. Fettes, the period of whose service has now nearly expired.

The Synod also instruct the Committee to open up a correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland—transmitting to them a copy of the report, with such other documents as may put them in possession of full and correct information respecting the religious condition of Canada, and the peculiar qualifications necessary in an efficient missionary labourer in this country—cordially welcoming the more full and systematic co-operation in the work which they have now reason to expect from that Church.

The Synod also instruct the Committee to inquire into the state of the French Canadian Mission, with a view of ascertaining in what manner this Church may most advantageously and efficiently assist in the work of evangelizing the French population of Lower Canada, especially commending to their immediate consideration the case of Mr. Black, probationer of this Church, with the view of counselling him respecting his connection with that mission, and the propriety of his continuing that connection.

The Synod appointed the following members to be the Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year, viz., Mr. Robb, Convener, Mr. Cheyne, Secretary, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Gale, McKenzie, Stark, Esson, Rintoul, Harris, Wightman, Roger, Reid, R. Reid, Gregg, McMurray, Boyd, Leishman, Wardrope, ministers; Messrs. Redpath, James Frazer, Davidson, McMillan, Jeffrey, Honorable John McDonald, Messrs. McLellan, Emberson, Ferrier, Burns, Elders.

The Synod adverting to the Home Mission Report, that several communications from the Committee, to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland had not been answered, agreed

To request the Moderator to make a respectful communication on this subject to the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland.

It was agreed

That the Committee of Bills and Overtures meet at half-past 9 A. M. The Synod to meet for devotional exercises at 10, to proceed to business immediately thereafter.

SESSION XIII.

TORONTO,
Tuesday, 26th June, 1849, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and engaged in devotional exercises: these were conducted by the Moderator and Mr. Wightman.

The minutes of the session of last evening were read.

The Moderator, in accordance with the report of the Home Mission Committee, tendered the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Robb, Convener of the Home Mission Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported.

The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Perth, for advice in the case of Mr. J. Y. Cameron.

There was read an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Perth, of date the 25th June, bearing, that the Presbytery had cited Mr. Cameron; that he had appeared, and had refused to acquiesce in the deliverance of the Synod, enjoining him to submit to the authority of the Presbytery of Perth. The Synod, after reasoning, adopted the following deliverance:—

The Synod sustain the reference—declare that Mr. Cameron shall no longer be employed as a missionary, nor entitled to any of the privileges of a probationer of this Church, and instruct the Clerk to report the whole case to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee, on the petition of Donald McIntyre. A report was given in by Mr. Meldrum and the same was sustained; and the Synod, on the ground of the committee's conviction that the petitioner had been treated injndiciously by Mr. Sutherland, agreed to remit the whole case to the Presbytery of London, with instructions to meet at Mosa, at an early day, to call all parties before them, and proceed according to the laws of the Church.

Mr. Bayne, in behalf of the Commission appointed at last Synod, for visiting congregations that had applied for money from the Clergy Reserve Fund, reported verbally that the Commission had not seen cause to visit any of the congregations, chiefly because they believed that the applications for money from the Clergy Reserve Fund, had not been persisted in.

It was then moved by Mr. Rintoul, seconded by Mr. Gale, and agreed to without a vote:—

That the Synod receive and sustain the report, and record their satisfaction, that in so far as is known to the Synod, no congregation of this Church had applied for money from the Clergy Reserve Fund, since the last meeting of Synod.

From this deliverance Dr. Burns and Mr. Gray dissented, for reasons to be given in due time; on which they took instruments in the Clerk's hands.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XIV.

TORONTO,
Tuesday, 26th June, 1849, 3 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read.

The Synod proceeded to take up a reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, setting forth the dealing they had with Dr. Ferrier, in accordance with the deliverance of the Synod, last year, at session xx., and giving the following as the deliverance of the Presbytery: "That there appears to them to be much vagueness in the views of Dr. Ferrier, in regard to many points on which the Presbytery have conferred with him, and that in some things they appeared to them to be opposed to the standards of this Church." There were read also, various relative documents, particularly a paper, called, "a Statement and Declaration;" signed "Andrew Ferrier, Caledonia, 8th January, 1849."

The Synod received at the same time a memorial and petition from Dr. Ferrier, dated, Caledonia, 18th June, 1849, and the same was read.

Mr. Bayne laid on the table of the Synod a small pamphlet, printed at Hamilton, 1849, entitled "*The Tower of Babel; or Confusion in Language, on points connected with the question of Civil Establishments of Religion, a fertile source of strife and division in the Christian Church.*"

After reasoning, Dr. Ferrier, on being appealed to by the Moderator, admitted his authorship in the said pamphlet.

Mr. Bayne, Mr. Stark, and Mr. Robb, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, were heard in explanation of the reference.

After discussion, the Synod agreed to resume the subject at the session in the evening.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XV.

TORONTO,
Tuesday, 26th June, 1849, 8 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon Session were read.

Mr. Walker, Secretary of the Sustentation Board, being present in the Synod, it was agreed to receive the Report from the Board to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The Synod resumed the case of Dr. Ferrier, and had lengthened discussion.

The Moderator having left the chair, and Mr. McKenzie having taken it, Dr. Willis addressed the Synod, and submitted a motion.

Other members were heard.

The hour being advanced, it was agreed to defer further discussion until to-morrow.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XVI.

TORONTO,
Wednesday, 27th June, 1849, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer.

The consideration of Dr. Ferrier's case was resumed.

Dr. Willis, with the consent of the Synod left the chair, which was taken by Mr. McKenzie.

Dr. Willis then read his motion, which was seconded by Dr. Burns, and is as follows:—

The Synod having fully heard the Presbytery and Dr. Ferrier, approve the Presbytery's report:—find, that the views set forth by Dr. Ferrier, both before the Presbytery, and in this court, are in various particulars inconsistent with the doctrines of Christ's supremacy over nations and civil governments, as held by this Church—and that any exception taken by him to the usual formula at his induction, and which, it appears, so far as conceded by the Presbytery, was understood by them to respect only the legal or compulsory maintenance of a gospel ministry, cannot be allowed to cover the latitude he claims, in impugning the great principle of national duty and responsibility, in its other momentous bearings. But, as Dr. Ferrier disclaims any desire to disturb the harmony of the Church, the Synod with a view to all possible removal of misunderstanding, appoint a Committee further to deal with him, and to report the result to the Commission that shall meet in October, who are hereby empowered, if they deem it for the interests of truth, and for edification, to bring the matter to a conclusion—having respect to the harmony of the Church, and the testimony to which the Synod adheres for the principles of Divine Revelation, and of the Christian law, as of authorty to men in their collective and national, as well as private relations and actings.

It was then moved by Mr. Reid, and seconded by Mr. Gray,

That the Synod sustain the report of the Presbytery of Hamilton, find, that in certain points, more especially in regard to the duty of nations to honour and obey Christ, Dr. Ferrier's views do not appear to be in accordance with the standards of this Church, to which the Synod anew declare their adherence; farther appoint a Committee to confer affectionately and tenderly with Dr. Ferrier; and report to the Synod at the next meeting thereof.

After renewed discussion the Synod called for a vote, when there voted for Dr. Willis' motion, 26; for Mr. Reid's motion, 9.

Dr. Willis' motion was accordingly declared to be the deliverance of the Synod.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to deal with Dr. Ferrier, in terms of the deliverance of the Synod, in his case:—The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Gale, Bayne, Robb, Harris, Rintoul, ministers; Messrs. Burns and McLellan, elders.

The Synod called for the Report of the Sustentation Board—the same was read by James Walker, Esq., Secretary.

Mr. Walker laid on the table of the Synod the books of the Sustentation Board, as the Board considered their services to be now at an end.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

That the report of the Sustentation Board be received and sustained; and that the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Sustentation Board, and specially to their Secretary for the unwearied and disinterested attention bestowed by them on the great interests of the Church, involved in the sustentation of the ministry.

The Moderator accordingly tendered the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Walker.

The Synod having further considered the Report of the Sustentation Board, adopted the following Resolution:—

The Synod record their deep regret that the resolutions of last year have not been carried into effect by the several Presbyteries, and ministers, and congregations, except in a few instances—and that it hence appears that this Church is not prepared as a whole to sustain a general scheme for providing for the support of the ministry; that, therefore, the proceedings of the Synod, in this matter, be no farther prosecuted for the present,—and that Presbyteries be enjoined to exercise such care as they can, in regard to the provision made for the ministry within their bounds—advising in this matter, as they see cause, with any agent or agency committee that may be appointed by the Synod, to superintend the general financial affairs of the Church; such agent or committee to report on this subject to next Synod.

The Synod closed with the blessing.

SESSION XVII.

TORONTO,
Wednesday, 27th June, 1849, 3½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read.

Mr. Smellie gave in a report on the Widows' Scheme, and stated that he had received from only one Presbytery, answers to the queries issued in accordance with the directions of last Synod.

A verbal report was made in behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, and there was read a report as to the actings of the Presbytery of Toronto in the matter.

The Synod agreed

To sustain the report of Mr. Smellie, and tender thanks to him for his diligent attention to the matter, and farther to reappoint the Committee, and remit the scheme to them with instructions to proceed according to the directions of last Synod.

The report of the Committee on union with the United Presbyterian Church was called for. Mr. Bayne reported verbally, that owing to special circumstances no action had been taken by the Committee since last meeting of Synod.

The Synod sustained the report, and appreciating very highly the benefits that would arise from union among Presbyterians, continue the Committee, with instructions to proceed in such a way as may appear most suited to lead to a union on sound and scriptural principles.

Dr. Burns and Mr. Gray gave in reasons of dissent from the judgment of Synod, on the report of the commission for visiting con-

gregations that had applied for money from the Clergy Reserve Fund.

The reasons were read and ordered to be engrossed in the record of dissents.

The Rev. Mr. King gave in a report of the mission to the colored population.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod resolved as follows:—

The Synod receive the report—approve of the diligence and zeal with which Mr. King has manifested in the prosecution of his mission—approve generally of the report—reappoint Mr. King to carry out the views set forth in the report in regard to the establishment of a fixed mission for the coloured population—appoint the following committee to superintend the mission, and direct Mr. King's farther labours in regard to it, with instructions to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, in order to ascertain the relation in which they consider Mr. King as standing to them, with respect to his support, viz:—Dr. Willis, Convener, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Rintoul, Wightman, ministers; Messrs. Burns, and Gibb, elders.

The Synod agreed to tender their thanks to Mr. King for his diligence and zeal, in prosecuting his mission to the colored population of the province.

The attention of the Synod having been called to a memorial from certain persons residing in Chatham and its neighborhood, against the location of a colored population in the Township of Raleigh.

The Synod requested Dr. Burns to write to the memorialists, and give them the necessary explanations.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

That the law requiring ministers admitted into this Church, to labour as missionaries for one year, should be dispensed with in the case of Mr. Holmes, who had been reported as admitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, a minister of this Church.

The Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of Perth, on the subject of the support of the ministry; together with a petition from the congregation of Gatineau, on the subject of the support of their minister.

After reasoning, it was agreed to defer the further consideration of these until the evening Session.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XVIII.

TORONTO,
Wednesday, 27th June, 1849, 7½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read.

The report on the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, was given in and read.

On motion made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:—

The Synod receive the report—approve of the diligence of the Committee—

re-appoint the Committee; and earnestly call upon ministers, and all other friends of the Church, to make an immediate and combined effort to extend the circulation of the *Record*.

Mr. Burns, Agent for the various Committees of the Church, read an abstract of the of the contributions of the various congregations and mission stations.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

That the report be sustained, and printed under the direction of the Agency Committee; and that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Burns, for his assiduity and faithfulness in attending to the accounts of the various Committees of the Church.

Thanks were tendered to Mr. Burns accordingly by the Moderator.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Sabbath Desecration.

The report was read by Dr. Burns, and adopted.

The Synod continuing to recognize the importance of the subject, agreed to appoint the following Committee, viz., Dr. Burns, Convener, Messrs. Gale, McLean, Gray, Wightman, Cheyne, Rintoul, (ministers), McLellan, Davidson, A. Gibb, Burns, elders, instructing them to use their best endeavours to carry out the recommendations of last Synod and other suitable means, for awakening the community to a sense of the awful evils consequent on any relaxation of the claims of the Sabbath.

Mr. Davidson in behalf of the Committee on the Funds gave in a report.

The same was read and approved of; and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee through Mr. Davidson.

The Synod approving generally of the recommendations of the Committee, respecting stated collections, throughout the ensuing year, agreed, to remit the report of the Agency Committee, to be afterwards appointed, instructing them to determine the best way of raising the funds for the arrears of the salary of the Agent, and to fix the time for the general collection,—and the Synod farther agreed in reference to the wants of weak congregations, as brought out by the overture from Perth, under consideration in the afternoon session, and the petition from Gatineau, to authorise the Agency Committee to determine the best way for raising funds for the current year for weak congregations; and, to correspond with Presbyteries on the subject.

Dr. Burns gave in a commission from the French Canadian Missionary Society, in favour of himself and J. Redpath, Esq., empowering them to present to the Synod an extract from the minutes of the Committee of said society, expressing their thanks for the liberal support given to the society, by collections throughout the congregations of the Church last year; and requesting the Synod to give a renewed recommendation for similar collections.

The Synod sustained the commission and extract; and agreed to the request of the Committee aforesaid, leaving it to the Agency Committee to determine the time for such collections.

Communications were received from John McMurrich and John Laidlaw, Esqnires, demitting their offices as Treasurers to Knox's College and the Synod Fund, respectively.

The Synod received their resignation; and it was agreed

That thanks be tendered, through the Clerk, to those gentlemen; and also to Mr. Spreull, and to Mr. McLellan, Treasurers to the Bursary Fund and Home Mission Fund, respectively, for their past services to the Church.

The Committee on Statistics gave in a report, with an accompanying schedule of returns; the same was sustained; and, on motion made and seconded, the Synod adopted the following deliverance :—

The Synod having considered the whole subject of the finances and statistics of the Church, together with the management of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, and the various undertakings of the Church, resolve to appoint and constitute, as is hereby done, John Burns, Esq., the General Agent and Treasurer of the Church, charging him with the publication of the *Record*, under the direction of the *Record* Committee, and with the general superintendence of the schemes of the Church, under the direction of such Agency Committee, as the Synod may appoint from time to time; said Committee and Agent being required to submit to the Synod a full report and financial statement annually; and to use their best endeavours to aid Presbyteries in the efficient prosecution of the various enterprises of the Church; and the Agency Committee is empowered to determine the salary of Mr. Burns, and obtain the securities, usual in such cases, for his faithful intromissions with the funds entrusted to him as Treasurer of the Church; and also to allocate his salary as a charge on the several funds, according to their judgment.

The Synod appointed the following members to be the Agency Committee for the ensuing twelve months, viz., the Moderator, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Harris, Robb, Rintoul and Gale; and the Synod also agreed to request the services in the Committee of John McMurrich, John Laidlaw, Samuel Spreull, James Shaw, Walter McFarlane, James Leask, and John Kay, Esquires.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XIX.

TORONTO,

Thursday, 28th June, 1849, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the session of last evening were read.

The Moderator, on the call of the Synod, intimated to Mr. Burns his appointment to the office of General Agent and Treasurer for the Synod, io the Synod Fund and College.

Mr. Burns being present, expressed his readiness to accede to the appointment, on the terms of the deliverance of the Synod, at its session last evening.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on King's College.

Mr. Gale gave in the report, which was read.

After deliberation, the Synod adopted the following resolution :—

Sustain and approve of the report, and adopt its recommendations, and instruct the Committee to put themselves in communication with the commissioners that may be appointed uuder the amended College Act; and use every proper means to obtain the alterations recommended by the Committee, and the ppointment of suitable Professors.

Mr. Reid, in behalf of the Committee for drafting "a Constitution for Knox's College, including arrangements for its government, discipline, and curriculum of study," reported that he had, in accordance with the directions of last Synod, written to Dr. Cunningham, of the New College, Edinburgh; but had received no answer; that he had prepared a very general outline on the subjects entrusted to the Committee; and, that being unable to convene its members, he had transmitted the outline to the Professors of Knox's College, to obtain their assistance in filling it up.

Mr Gale, in behalf of the Professors' Court reported a draft, prepared in consequence of the remit, that had been made by Mr. Reid.

The draft was read, when on motion made and seconded it was agreed.

That the Synod approve generally of the draft submitted by the Professors' Court, remit the same to them with instructions to put it into proper form, and transmit it forthwith to Presbyteries who are hereby enjoined to report their opinions on the proposals contained in the same, on or before the 1st March, 1850, in order that the Professors' Court may prepare a report, exhibiting the views of the Church, as thus obtained, to be laid before the Synod at the next ordinary meeting.

And farther, that in the meantime the Professors' Court be authorised to take the recommendations of the report, for their guidance in conducting the business of next session, so far as they find it practicable and expedient.

Mr. Burns made a report on the funds of the College.

After lengthened reasoning on the subject, the Synod adopted the following resolution :—

That the following Committee be appointed to consider the present and prospective state of the College fund, with authority, after conference with the professors, to determine whether any and what reduction can be effected in the present college expenditure, so as to bring it within the probable annual contributions of the church, consistently with the efficiency of the institution—to meet, and, if practicable, to come to some final determination on the matter, immediately after the close of the Synod; instructing them also to make an appeal to the church in behalf of the funds of the institution, viz :—

Dr. Burns, Messrs. Robb, Bayne, Stark, Cheyne, Roger, Reid, McMurray, Gregg, Boyd, Leishman, ministers; McLellan, Davidson, Heron,, Burns, elders.

That the Professors' Court be continued; and that the College Committee for the current year shall be

Messrs. McKenzie, Robb, Roger, Gregg, Boyd, Wardrope, Leishman, Stark, Bayne, ministers; Hon. M. Cameron, Hon. J. McDon-

ald, Dr. Dickson, John Fraser, G. Davidson, J. Burns, W. Notman, James Gibb, J. Redpath, J. McMurrich, Samuel Spreull, James Shaw, Esquires; together with the Professors.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

That with a view to the promotion of the preliminary training of our young men, and in order, also, to advance the interests of Christian Education generally, in connexion therewith, the Synod earnestly recommend to the members of the Church at large, and especially those resident in Toronto, to sustain the Academy—approve generally of the suggestions of the report on the subject—and authorise and request such as may be engaged in conducting the preliminary training in the College to render what aid they can in the superintendence and training of the youth in the Academy—and the College Committee are instructed to bring the suggestions and recommendations of the Report concerning the Academy, before its present directors.

The Synod received an overture for issuing a recommendation to congregations to petition the Legislature to make such an application of the Clergy Reserve Funds, as may promote the general interests of the Province, without occasioning the discords, jealousies and other evils that arise from the present appropriation of them.

It was agreed

To sustain the overture, and in consideration of the advanced period of the sessions, to defer the consideration of it till another Synod.

The Synod appointed the following members to be their Commission for the ensuing year, to attend to the matters referred to them, and watch over the general interests of the Church, viz.:—

The Moderator and Clerk.

Messrs. Robb, Stark, Bayne, Smellie, Macgregor, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Esson, Gale, Harris, Gray, Roger, Gordon, Reid, Gregg, Burns, Boyd, McMurray, Lochead, Wardrope, Duncan, Leishman, McKenzie, Wallace, Sutherland, ministers; and Messrs. McLellan, Davidson, A. Gibb, Frazer, Hall, McRae, Anderson, Kennedy, Emberson, Durie, Redpath, and Ferrier, elders.

The Commission to have two stated meetings, viz., at Toronto, on the third Wednesday of October next; and on the third Wednesday of April, 1850.

The Synod agreed

To record their thanks to the friends in Toronto, for the Christian hospitality received at their hands by the ministers and elders of the Synod, during the meeting in Toronto, and specially to James Shaw, John Laidlaw, and Walter Macfarlane, Esquires, for their devising and carrying out arrangements by which that hospitality had been made available.

The Synod farther resolved that their cordial thanks be tendered to Dr. Burns, the minister, and to the elders and trustees of Knox's Church, for the comfortable accommodation enjoyed by the Synod, in that church, during the present sessions.

The Synod agreed to meet in the evening for devotional exercises; and Mr. Holmes, missionary, was appointed to preach before the Synod.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XX.

TORONTO,

Thursday, 28th June, 1849, 7½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met for devotional exercises. After praise and prayer, Mr. Holmes, missionary, preached.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read.

The Moderator addressed the Synod.

After prayer, and singing a part of the 122nd Psalm, the Moderator announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held on the first Wednesday of June, 1850.

At 10 o'clock, P.M., the Synod was closed with the apostolical benediction.

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